

FBA Meeting, Monday,  
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Pillsbury Hall  
2430 K Street (Upstairs)

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## **PALM SUNDAY RITES AT WASHINGTON CIRCLE SET**

Foggy Bottom's unique Palm Sunday ecumenical service at Washington Circle will be repeated this year with at least two additional churches participating.

Congregations will form processions at their churches and march to the Circle for the service, scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. At 10:45 the congregations will return to their churches for regular 11 a.m. services. Participants will be St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, St. Mary's and St. Paul's Episcopal Churches, the Union Methodist Church and the Community of Christ (Lutheran), originators of the service last year, and new additions Western Presbyterian Church, 19th St. Baptist Church, and perhaps one other.

Rev. C. Stewart McKenzie of Western Presbyterian will give the address, followed by blessing of the palms by Msgr. Denges of St. Stephen's. Festive Palm Sunday trumpet music will supplement the combined choirs of the churches.

All Foggy Bottom residents are cordially invited to join the April 7 services — either through one of the participating churches, or simply by showing up at the Circle. Last year the event received wide press and TV coverage, drew an attendance of hundreds, and was hailed as the first of its kind in the area.

### **WILL YOU REGISTER?**

You can register to vote, if you want, on the weekend of March 22-23 right in Foggy Bottom. St. Paul's Episcopal Church will register all those living south of K St., and St. Stephen's Catholic Church will register those living on the north side.

Hours are: Friday, March 22, 5 pm to 9 pm; Saturday, March 23, 9 am to 9 pm. Or register any weekday at the District Building. Or don't register at all—who needs home rule anyway?

## **SENATOR MORSE GALVANIZES FBA**

Controversial, inspirational, lucid, garrulous — that was Senator Wayne Morse, speaking at the last FBA meeting, February 26. Pillsbury Hall was as full as the FBA has ever gotten it, and the meeting may have been the best the FBA has ever held.

Perhaps many of those present expected to hear the Senator's opinions on that national topic of the hour, Viet Nam. If so, they were disappointed, for he confined his remarks and his remarkable fervor to local matters — self-government, poverty, and the police. Departing frequently from his prepared text, the former teacher of constitutional law stressed his belief that everyone must obey the law — the police, he declared at one point; civil rights demonstrators, he said at another. And everyone should have an opportunity to help make the law, he said, relating some of his experiences in fighting for District home rule.

Morse's talk ran well over its time limit, but nobody seemed to mind. The rare spectacle of a Senator from a distant state, spending his valuable time and energy to give a passionate lecture on good citizenship to a group of disenfranchised citizens who would probably never have a chance to vote for him anyway, was too good to miss.

### **CRIME IN OUR PRECINCT DROPS SHARPLY**

In January, 1968, the crime rate in the 3rd Precinct was down 17 percent over the previous January.

This report came from police Sergeant Hayward Long, who represented Precinct 3 at the last FBA meeting. Sgt. Long added (with what seemed to be a well-deserved note of pride) that our precinct was the only one in the city to show a reduced crime rate for that period.



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Apartment dwellers — do you ever hanker for something bigger and better on your patio than the usual flowers and shrubs? Well, unlikely as it may seem, you can put a real tree out there—especially if you make it portable.

Portability is achieved by planting the tree in a tub mounted on castors, so you can roll it around. Ours is a golden weeping willow that we push right up to the picture window when we get especially homesick for the country. Even a portable tree presents a weight problem, though. William, my work-avoiding husband, found a way around that by using the lightweight planting soil formulated at Cornell University. Containing equal parts of perlite (a light pelleted material), sandy loam and peat moss, this soil must be wet completely through after mixing, and allowed to stand for a day. Otherwise it will be too fluffy to handle. Warning: you can substitute potting soil for sandy loam, but look out for lumps—a sign of clay.

We chose the golden weeping willow because it is easy to grow, and because the light-weight soil can hold the gallons of water it loves. To make watering easy, our tub has a false bottom with four holes in it, and four one-inch fiberglass wicks lead-

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ing from the soil to a pan of water underneath. This "self-watering" arrangement was first devised by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden for gardeners away on vacation.

Some seasonal notes: Now is the time to groom your wintered-over geranium for prolific summer flowering. Flowers come from new young growth, so cut all the stems back hard, leaving only three or four inches of last year's growth on each. Things to look for: yellow-flowered winter jasmine now blooming at the northeast corner of the GW University Quadrangle on I St. Things to listen for: the song sparrow near the PMI parking lot at 25th and H Sts.; the mocking bird high up on a Watergate balcony at sunset.

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The House and Garden Tour, one of the most popular Foggy Bottom Association spring rites, has been scheduled this year for April 28. The "rain date" is May 5. Those who have taken the Tour need no urging to sign up this year; those who have not will be urged in the next issue of the FBN.

On Sunday afternoon, May 26, the District of Columbia Youth Orchestra will hold an open-air concert in Foggy Bottom's new 26th St. Park. An article about this unique event, and this highly regarded group of young musicians, will appear next month in the FBN. But make a note now to attend.

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Mar. 29-30	"Ballad of a Soldier" plus "Ashes and Diamonds"
Mar. 31-April 1	"Juliet of the Spirits" plus "Red Desert"
Apr. 2	"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" plus "Boccaccio Seventh"
Apr. 3	"My Uncle" plus "Two Women"
Apr. 4	"Oliver Twist" plus "Great Expectations"
Apr. 5-6	"Repulsion" plus "Knife in the Water"

(See local newspapers for additions to this list)